

BUILD SKILLS

from The Autobiography • from Poor Richard's Almanack

LITERARY ANALYSIS

An **autobiography** is the story of a person's life, told by the person. Autobiography was a new form of literature when Benjamin Franklin wrote *The Autobiography*. His work set a standard for this new type of writing.

- An autobiography presents events in a person's life according to how that person sees them.
- An autobiography can give personal views of history. Information about the politics, habits, ideas, and values of a society can be found in autobiographies.

Use this chart to record details from *The Autobiography*. These details will tell you about Franklin's attitudes and his world.

Details About Franklin's Life	Details About Franklin's Attitudes	Details About Franklin's Times

READING STRATEGY

Franklin presents many details about his life, his goals, and his interests. You can **draw conclusions** about Franklin and his life by using evidence from the text and from your own experiences. A conclusion is an opinion you reach by pulling together facts and details.

As you read, follow this pattern for drawing conclusions about Franklin's character:

- **Details:** Franklin changes his plan when he sees he is not doing what he expected to do.
- **Personal Experience:** You thought of a different approach when you failed to meet a certain goal.
- **Conclusion:** Franklin is likely to make adjustments to meet his goals.